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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

THOMAS E. PEREZ, Secretary of Labor,  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF  
LABOR,

Plaintiff,

v.

ANIMAL CLINIC OF ALAMO, INC., a  
corporation; DEBORAH KNIBB, an individual;  
JOHN C. BAINE, III, an individual; and the  
ANIMAL CLINIC OF ALAMO PROFIT  
SHARING PLAN, an employee pension benefit  
plan.

Case No. 3:14-cv-667

**SECRETARY'S REQUEST TO  
CONTINUE INITIAL CASE DEADLINES**

**Chief Magistrate Judge Maria-Elena James**

1 Plaintiff Thomas E. Perez, the United States Secretary of Labor ("Secretary"), filed the  
 2 complaint in this case on February 12, 2012. The following day, the Court issued an Order  
 3 setting April 24, 2014 as the last day for the parties to meet and confer regarding initial  
 4 disclosures, discovery plan, and ADR matters, and to file initial ADR papers. Dkt. No. 3. The  
 5 Order also set May 8, 2014 as the deadline for the parties to file their Rule 26(f) report and serve  
 6 initial disclosures, and set the initial case management conference for May 15, 2014. *Id.*

7 The Secretary sent requests for waivers of service to all defendants on March 4, 2012.  
 8 Dkt. Nos. 4-7. Defendants Animal Clinic of Alamo, Inc., John Baine, III, and the Animal Clinic  
 9 of Alamo Profit Sharing Plan returned waivers of service to the Secretary on March 27. Dkt.  
 10 Nos. 8-10. Defendant Deborah Knibb, however, did not respond to the waiver request, which the  
 11 Secretary sent to her last known mailing address, a post office box. The Secretary is currently  
 12 attempting to locate and serve Ms. Knibb but to date has not completed service.

13 Accordingly, the Secretary requests that the Court extend all initial deadlines 60 days to  
 14 provide sufficient time for the Secretary to locate and serve Ms. Knibb and for the parties to meet  
 15 and confer, as follows:

16 **June 23, 2014:** Last day to:

- 17 • Meet and confer re: initial disclosures, early settlement, ADR process
- 18 selection, and discovery plan;
- 19 • File ADR certification signed by parties and counsel;
- 20 • File either stipulation to ADR process or notice of need for ADR phone
- 21 conference.

22 **July 7, 2014:** Last day to file Rule 26(f) report, complete initial disclosures or state  
 23 objection and file case management statement.

24 **July 14, 2014:** Initial case management conference.

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2 Dated: April 15, 2014  
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Respectfully submitted,

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Request is GRANTED, the  
above deadlines are continued.